

**AMENDMENTS TO THE CLAIMS:**

Please amend the claims as follows. This listing of the claims will replace all prior versions, and listings, of claims in the application:

1-10. (canceled)

11. (Currently Amended) A dishwasher comprising:

a washing container to retain therein objects to be washed by the dishwasher; and  
a system to dry objects to be washed, the system including a heater to heat at least part of the air present in the dishwasher and a humidity sensor to detect the humidity of at least part of the air present in the dishwasher, the system being configured and set to control the heater being controllable solely as a function of the detected humidity.

12. (Previously Presented) The dishwasher according to claim 11, wherein the system for drying the objects to be washed includes a selected one of an electronic controller means and a non-electronic controller means for controlling the system for drying the objects to be washed as a function of the humidity determined by the humidity sensor.

13. (Previously Presented) The dishwasher according to claim 11, wherein the system for drying the objects to be washed is switched off in a selected one of an independent manner and a non-independent manner as a function of the humidity determined by the humidity sensor.

14. (Previously Presented) The dishwasher according to claim 11, wherein the humidity sensor is arranged in the washing container of the dishwasher.

15. (Previously Presented) The dishwasher according to claim 11, wherein the humidity sensor is arranged in an upper area of the dishwasher.

16. (Currently Amended) A method for cleaning and drying objects to be washed in dishwashers, the method comprising the steps of:

|       subjecting the objects to be washed to at least one ~~of a cleaning rinsing and a clear~~ rinsing process;

|       after the at least one ~~of the cleaning rinsing and the clear rinsing~~ process, subjecting the objects to be washed to a drying process, wherein at least some of the air present in the dishwasher is heated by a heater;

|       detecting the humidity~~[[ - ]]~~ of at least some of the air present in the dishwasher by a humidity sensor during the drying process; and

          controlling the heater solely as a function of the detected humidity.

17. (Previously Presented) The method for drying objects to be washed in dishwashers according to claim 16, wherein the drying process is controlled as a function of the humidity determined by the humidity sensor by means of an electronic controller.

18. (Previously Presented) The method for drying objects to be washed in dishwashers according to claim 16, wherein the drying process is ended as a function of the humidity determined by the humidity sensor.

19. (Previously Presented) The method for drying objects to be washed in dishwashers according to claim 16, wherein the operation of the heater is controlled as a function of the humidity determined by the humidity sensor by means of an electronic controller.

20. (Previously Presented) The method for drying objects to be washed in dishwashers according to claim 16, wherein the operation of the heater is ended as a function of the humidity determined by the humidity sensor.

Claims 21-28. (Canceled).

29. (Currently Amended) A dishwasher comprising:  
a washing container to retain therein objects to be washed by the dishwasher; and  
a system to dry objects to be washed, the system including a heater to heat at least part of the air present in the dishwasher and a humidity sensor to detect the humidity of at least part of the air present in the dishwasher,

wherein the system for drying the objects to be washed includes a display to indicate the humidity determined by the humidity sensor; and

wherein the system is switchable to an off position by an operator in an independent manner as a function of the humidity determined by the humidity sensor and indicated on the display.

30. (Currently Amended) The dishwasher according to claim 29, wherein the system for drying the objects to be washed includes a selected one of an electronic controller and a non-electronic controller ~~for controlling the system for drying the objects to be washed~~ to control the display as a function of the humidity determined by the humidity sensor.

31. (Previously Presented) The dishwasher according to claim 29, wherein the humidity sensor is arranged in the washing container of the dishwasher.

32. (Previously Presented) The dishwasher according to claim 29, wherein the humidity sensor is arranged in an upper area of the dishwasher.

33. (Currently Amended) A method for cleaning and drying objects to be washed in dishwashers, the method comprising:

subjecting the objects to be washed to at least one of ~~a cleaning rinsing and a clear rinsing process~~;

after the at least one of ~~the cleaning rinsing and the clear rinsing process~~,  
subjecting the objects to be washed to a drying process, wherein at least some of the air present in the dishwasher is heated by a heater;

detecting the humidity~~[[ - ]]~~ of at least some of the air present in the dishwasher by a humidity sensor during the drying process; ~~[[and]]~~

displaying the detected humidity on a display; and

~~controlling~~ allowing an operator to control the drying process in an independent manner as a function of the detected humidity and the humidity indicated on the display.

34. (Previously Presented) The method for drying objects to be washed in dishwashers according to claim 33, wherein the drying process is controlled as a function of the humidity determined by the humidity sensor by means of a non-electronic or an electronic controller.

35. (Previously Presented) The method for drying objects to be washed in dishwashers according to claim 33, wherein the drying process is ended as a function of the humidity determined by the humidity sensor.

36. (Currently Amended) The method for drying objects to be washed in dishwashers according to claim 33, wherein the operation of the heater is controlled as a function of the humidity determined by the humidity sensor ~~by means of a non-electronic or an electronic controller.~~

37. (Previously Presented) The method for drying objects to be washed in dishwashers according to claim 33, wherein the operation of the heater is ended as a function of the humidity determined by the humidity sensor.